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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, EAIR, YO, US

SUBJECT: HIJACKING TRIAL

REF: STATE 83100

1. ASSISTANT US ATTORNEY PETER SCHLAM TOLD US APRIL 29 THAT CLOSING STATEMENTS WILL BE MADE NEXT MONDAY AND THE CASE SHOULD GO TO THE JURY TUESDAY. THE CASE WENT AS WELL AS EXPECTED IN EVERY RESPECT, ACCORDING TO SCHLAM. SCHLAM DID SUGGEST, THOUGH, THAT THE DEFENSE HAD MADE A STRONG ARGUMENT THAT THE THREE DEFENDANTS BESIDES BUSIC HAD BEEN "COERCED" BY HIM. IF THE JURY ACCEPTS THIS, THESE THREE MIGHT BE ACQUITTED EVEN OF THE CONSPIRACY COUNT. SCHLAM REFRAINED, HOWEVER, FROM PREDICTING HOW THE JURY WILL DECIDE.

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2. TO RECAPITULATE THE POSSIBLE PENALTIES, THE CONSPIRACY COUNT CARRIES A MAXIMUM FIVE YEARS, THE AIR PIRACY ONE CARRIES FROM TWENTY YEARS TO LIFE, AND THE AIR-PIRACY-INVOLVING-DEATH COUNT CARRIES DEATH OR A MANDATORY LIFE SENTENCE. SINCE THE PROSECUTION HAS DECIDED NOT TO ASK FOR A DEATH SENTENCE, THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE WOULD BE LIFE.

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